

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
PUBLIC SESSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012
7:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Porter called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant (Late), Councilmember Johnie L. Higgs, Sr., Councilmember Eugene Kennedy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator, Christopher Cotillo, Chief of Police, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Johnny Thompson, Director of Public Works

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Councilmember Yeargin

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Raynor and seconded by Councilmember Higgs to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

1.1.5. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

- It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Higgs to approve the Regular Work Session meeting minutes for Monday, November 5, 2012. The motion carried.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Raynor and seconded by Councilmember Higgs to approve the Public Session meeting minutes for Tuesday, November 13, 2012. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Raynor and seconded by Councilmember Yeargin to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes for

Wednesday, November 14, 2012. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. None

3. LEGISLATION

- **Ordinance O-13-07 FY2012-2013 Budget Amendment for Council Chambers Microphone Upgrade.** O-13-07 was introduced by the City Council on Monday, December 3, 2012 and the first reading was concluded. The seconded reading was concluded on Monday, December 10, 2012. It was motioned by Councilmember Simms and seconded by Councilmember Stephenson. The motion carried. Ordinance O-13-07 was unanimously approved.
- **Resolution R-13-14 Charter Amendment for Competitive Bid Exemption** was introduced by the City Council on Monday, December 10, 2012. It was motioned by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Yeargin to suspend the rules on reading Resolution R-13-14. The motioned carried and was unanimously approved. It was motioned by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Yeargin to approve Resolution R-13-14 with amendments. The motion carried.
- FOR: Higgs, Porter, Raynor, Simms and Yeargin
- ABSTAIN: Stephenson
- AGAINST: Kennedy
- Mayor Grant stated the purpose of the Resolution is to bring the City current with regards to P3 development.
- He stated we were having a meeting with the City Attorney to have these documents adjusted. This is not directly related to the City Center Project.
- He stated that Public Private Partnership transactions are not new. They have been going in Europe and Canada. The United States is just behind in this area.
- He stated that we cannot continue to expect our tax payers to pay for development.
- He stated that he would invite anyone that against this legislation go to World Bank to see where governments around the world are making these types of partnerships.
- He stated that anyone who votes against this legislation is against job creations and you go on record stating this.

- He stated that you will need to present empirical evidence of your argument, as to why you are against this legislation.
- He stated that as leaders we have a moral and fiduciary responsibility to educate ourselves and to introduce legislation to promote the city.

4. REPORTS

4.1. Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Grant stated that they need to appoint a Special Committee to deal with issues as it relates to Veterans in the City.
- He stated the Legislative Breakfast will be on Thursday, December 13, 2012
- He stated that during the At-Large Council meeting, citizens had requested an Emergency Preparedness Training.
- He stated that we will be having City Wide Emergency Preparedness training on Saturday, December 15, 2012. The location is to be determined.
- He stated the G.S. Proctor and Associates presented a proposal to the City Council on Monday, November 5, 2012. He is requesting that the Council approve the service contract for a lobbyist.
- He stated that they secured a bond bill for the City three years ago under the services of G.S. Proctor and Associates and last year the bond bill request was not approved.

4.2. Kelly Porter, Council President Report:

- Council President Porter stated his report was on the information stand.

4.3 Kevin Brenner, Chief-Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department

- Chief Brenner stated that they will have Santa on the Fire Trucks on December 23 & 24th in Seat Pleasant.
- He stated that live trees should be kept watered and no candles near the tree
- He stated that we had three structures fires and two were in Seat Pleasant.
- He stated that Fireplaces should be checked, if you haven't used them in sometime.
- The structure that has been knocked down on MLK had several fires.
- He stated that the purchase to buy a used Fire Truck was denied by the County Fire Chief.
- The volunteers are on in the Fire Station on their own during the holidays. They ensure they have four Fire Fighters every night.

4.4. Acting City Administrator – Robert L. Ashton

- Mr. Ashton stated the state of Maryland approved for Seat Pleasant upgrades to windows, mold and rodents.

- He stated that we replaced the entire copier machines, which will save the City \$16,000 annually. The enhancements are multifunction in the printing, scanning, copying and faxing.
 - Mr. Ashton wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- 4.5. Finance Department- Robert Ashton, Treasurer**
- Mr. Ashton stated that, if the bill isn't passed by December 31, 2012, the FICA will go up by 2%, which translates to \$10.00 to every \$500.00
- 4.6. Police Department – Christopher Cotillo, Chief of Police**
- Chief Cotillo stated that the Governors Officer of Victim of Domestic Relations requires when an officer responds to a Domestic Violence they must give a short survey. After the completion of the survey the officer will give a recommendation.
 - He stated that the Seat Pleasant Police Department is now in compliance.
 - The Chief thanked the Council for the new car. He stated the other cars are in the shop.
 - He stated they have three cars in the shop and they are trying to build a relationship with a local business to do the oil changes.
 - He stated that they need an upgrade to the server and computers for the Administrative staff.
 - He stated the officers are doing foot patrol in the shopping center.
 - He stated the COPS officer is Chaplain Ivey who will be out with Code Enforcement and Nuisance and Abatement.
- 4.7. Public Works Department- Johnny Thompson, Director of Public Works**
- Mr. Thompson stated that they have removed trees that were a potential threat to private property.
 - He stated that the Communication radios temporary license application was approved by the FCC.
 - He stated the radios will be in operational by mid-December.
 - He stated that the bathrooms in Goodwin Park were vandalized and the bathrooms do not have running water.
 - He stated they will not be providing bags for the leaf removal.
- 5. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**
- Mr. Johnny Coleman, Upper Marlboro, MD-
 - Mr. Coleman thanked the Police Department and the Fire Department in serving the kids with the basketball game.
 - He asked the Council to consider the kids in the budget.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6.1 None

7. NEW BUSINESS:


7.1. None

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1. Seat Pleasant 3rd Annual Legislative Breakfast, Thursday, December 13, 2012, Seat Pleasant Activity Center-5720 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD from 10:00am-1:00p.m.
- 8.2. Emergency Preparedness Training, Saturday, December 15, 2012, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 from 11:00a.m.-3:00p.m.
- 8.3. WSSC Public Meeting on Sewer Improvements, Wednesday, December 19, 2012, Glenarden/Theresa Banks Complex, 8615 McLain Ave., Glenarden, MD 20706 from 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m.
- 8.4. City Website Demonstration for Citizens "How to Use the City Website", Thursday, December 20, 2012, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers from 1:00pm-2:00pm

9. ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 8:52p.m.

Submitted by,


Dashaun N. Lanham
City Clerk